profess, to treat you as so many tribes apart from the current-of civilization, to grab your riches as if you were ignorant of your right to property, to rob you, finally, of those of your men whom they consider useful for the needs of their ships or for the pursuit of their agricultural and industrial enterprises.

Vain purposes! Ridiculous boasts!

Your indomitable courage is sufficient to prevent even their attempt to realize such intentions. You will not, you cannot consent, to any assault on your religious faith, nor allow the conquerors' impious feet to tread upon the true temple of God, or that their incredulity wreck the holy images that you adore 5 the aggressors shall not profane the tombs of your fathers j they shall not satisfy their shameless lusts at the cost of the honor of your wives and daughters 5 they shall not deprive you of your resources accumulated through honest labor for the security of your existence 5 they shall never realize any of those crimes cherished by their iniquity and their greed, because your valor and your patriotism are enough to chastise a power that, in the guise of civilization and culture, is employing the art of extermination upon the natives of North America without attempting to lead them into the paths of civilization and progress.

Filipinos, prepare yourselves for the fight, and, united under the glorious folds of the Spanish flag, let us fight in the conviction that victory will crown our labors and let us answer the enemy's intimidations with this cry of the Christian and the patriot: "Long Live Spain."

At about dawn on May i, 1898, the American fleet under the command of Commodore Dewey entered Manila Bay, and after navigating safely the mines

planted by the Spaniards and after avoiding the fire of the shore batteries, passed in battle array before the Spanish fleet. When at a distance of five thousand yards, Commodore Dewey turned to Captain Gridley and said, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley." And then in one of history's most decisive naval combats, the Spanish fleet was destroyed and the'American flag brought to Philippine shores.